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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 7 as follows:

7. The method according to [any one of claims 1 through 6] claim 1 or 2 wherein said sustained-release preparation is a microsphere.

Add the Following Claims:

9. The method according to claim 3 wherein said sustained-release preparation is a microsphere.  
10. The method according to claim 4 wherein said sustained-release preparation is a microsphere.  
11. The method according to claim 5 wherein said sustained-release preparation is a microsphere.  
12. The method according to claim 6 wherein said sustained-release preparation is a microsphere.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 6, after "in" insert --a--  
Page 1, line 8, after "without" insert --extended--  
Page 1, line 9, delete "for a long time"  
Page 1, line 27, delete "their" and substitute therefor --its--  
Page 1, line 29, after "because" insert --it takes a--  
Page 1, line 30, delete "is taken"  
Page 1, line 36, delete "pose" and substitute therefor --poses--  
Page 2, line 10, delete "Invension" and substitute therefor --Invention--